Dear Howard, 7/18/72

I'm doing this in a rush to have time for a dip with Lil before supper, so please understand that anything I might say is not intended as and such not be taken as insult or reflection on you or anyone else.

After writing Bradlee the mail came. After I finished that the day was badly broken. There were some thing that I did have to do then in the mail. In between Lesar called to say that he is coming tomorrow to work on the depositions in the May habeas corpus. So, while I've been meaning to and wanting to get back to making corrections in PH, I didn't want to get that all spread out and then have to cut it all away again. So, I returned to Lattimer.

It is fantastic! I recall no comment from anyone who showed any real understanding of the proper translation from Lattimer into English. I am annotating it as I go. It is hard on the guts and the nerves. I'm up to the beginning of the head wound.

If Bradlee takes time to talk to me, which I have no reason to expect, I'll not begin to have time to really analyze this. I also don't want to take time now. My view on silence for the present is unchanged an way, more so now. And I have a copy that is not annotated. So, if you are going to be here again any time this summer, what I would like to do is dictate a commentary, paragraph by paragraph, with you present. This has advantages possible for both of us and for the record it will make:

If you disagree, we can thrash it out then;
If I miss something, you can note it then;
If my WC recollections are incorrect, as possibly may be th case with such details as some of Perry's testimony, you can correct me;
If you missed what I see, possibly you can learn how you missed it and why I did.

This man will go down in Literature as Medicine's Munchausen. What he has done is absolutely degenerate, not just false and deliberately deceptive. And he has, as I think you said of the head dust fragments, given much confirmation, pretending the opposite.

Now I don't want the nuts to start looking for all of this because I fear the use(s) possible. If any have to be told, there is no point in wasting the words. So, I'd like this to be between the two of us.

I have no idea when Lil can get to transcribing it, but it will be a record made.

I know he has given me some new openings. I have to decide whether to use them. If I do it will be a) in private and b) in preparation for more. You'll know.

Now I know you did not pretend a complete analysis. So there is no criticism there. But I wonder that when you knew I had not had time to read you did not comment more. The thing I especially want you to keep to yourself is that he has validated <u>all</u> of my work where he deals with what I do, which is basic but not often, compared to the overall of PH. To put this another way, despite what he says, there is no factual detail of the evidence with which I deal that he has not confirmed, regardless of his choice of words. Limited to where he deals with what I do.

What I told Bradlee of his integrity is mild to what is now without doubt.

Nothing from Gary, SH or JP since the last letters of several weeks ago. No response of any kind from any to my last letter, unless comment has reached you. Gary apparently sent Dick his letter, if I didn't misunderstand Dick. I read his letter when it came and responded later, so I could have misinterpreted.

In haste,